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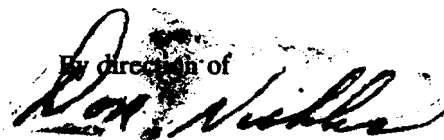
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for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of enclosure.

By direction of



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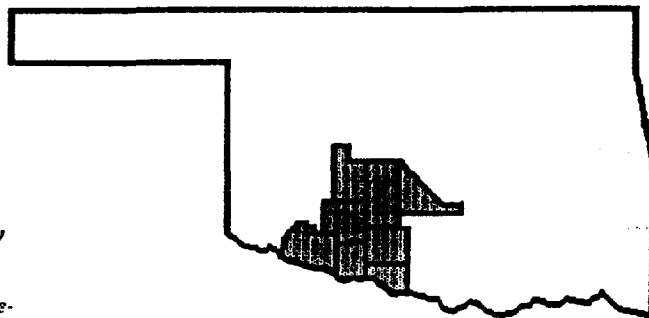
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The Honorable Don Nickles
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Dear Senator Nickles:

We have been advised that the Federal Communications Commission is considering a rule change to limit frequency band width and reduce the power of base stations used in two-way radio communications by local governments.

We are concerned that these rule changes will be quite costly to local governments. The proposed rule changes will require replacement of existing radio systems. They will reduce the range of radio transmissions, requiring additional repeater radio stations.

County government two-way radios are used to direct police, fire and ambulance services throughout the area. Counties in South Central Oklahoma cover an average of 900 square miles with dimensions as great as 60 miles. The counties have bought and installed base radio stations and repeater radio stations designed to allow reliable and complete coverage for their service area. The prospect of having to accept reduced coverage or replace all mobile, portable and base and repeater radios at great expense is distressing.

We urge that the proposed rule change be cancelled or modified to allow continued use of current radio equipment by local governments.

Sincerely,

Blaine H. Smith, Jr.
Executive Director